

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2046 - SB 1784**

March 30, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a prescription order that is electronically generated by a licensed prescriber and received at a pharmacy to contain at least the following: the name of the patient; the name, strength, and quantity of the drug prescribed; any directions specified by the prescriber; the name of the prescribing practitioner; and any other requirements specified by the rules promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy. Requires the prescription to be dated and signed by the prescribing practitioner using an electronic signature. Exempts from the provisions of the bill prescriptions written for inpatients or outpatients of a hospital where the written order is given directly to the hospital pharmacy, a nursing home, an assisted care living facility, inpatients or residents of a mental health hospital, state or federal correctional facility, or physician dispensaries.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- The Board of Pharmacy will conduct necessary rulemaking during regularly scheduled Board meetings. Any regulatory, disciplinary, or other duties imposed by this bill on the Board will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board had a balance of \$74,641.74 in FY09-10 and a deficit of \$59,776.49 in FY08-09. As of June 30, 2010, the Board's cumulative balance was \$276,649.24.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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